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## Conservation a Nellis success

Provided by the 99th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight

The 99th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight was recently awarded the Air Force Gen. Thomas D. White Environmental Cultural Resources Award for its management and preservation of biological, archeological and Native American cultural resources found on Nellis' 3.1 million range complex.

"An appropriate management strategy will result in the support of the Nellis mission while conducting scientific research and preserving archaeological and Native American cultural properties," said Mr. Keith Myhrer, Base and Range Archaeologist.

The management strategy for Nellis involves communication among Environmental, Range Management officials, regulators and Native Americans and a strict requirement of scientific methods for fieldwork and an adherence to Federal cultural resources laws.

During the past five years, the most complex archaeological studies in the Great Basin and Eastern Mojave Desert were completed on the Nellis Range. They include identification and research of several mining camps and townsites and studies of more than 5,000 years of Native American activities including pecked and painted rock art and food gathering and preparation sites along dry lake beds in the area.

The program is coordinated

with the Nellis Native American Interaction Program and includes leaders and representatives from 17 tribes.

"These people are descendents of those who used the Range into the 1930s," Mr. Myhrer said. "I consider the Nellis Native American Program as the best in the Air Force." The Indian people are involved in review of research designs, they are crew members on field studies where they provide information from elders and individuals write portions of final reports.

"I remain adamant that historic, prehistoric and Native American traditional sites can be preserved while supporting the Nellis Mission, which is to train fighter pilots and crews," Mr. Myhrer said.

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# Air Force explains new basic housing allowance

WASHINGTON –Office of the Secretary of Defense officials recently announced the new Basic Allowance for Housing rates, which take effect Jan. 1 and apply to all military services.

“The good news is the rates for people living in high-cost areas are increasing next year,” said Maj Justo Rivera, Chief Air Force Pay and Allowance Policy. “On the other hand, about 60 percent of our Air Force installations are in relatively lower-cost areas and over time our airmen assigned there will experience BAH decreases—however, the lower rates will not apply to airmen who presently live in areas with decreases as they are “rate protected.”

Under this “protection,” if BAH rates decrease, members’ current allowances remain unchanged; if the housing allowances increase, members will receive the higher amount.

“The lowered rates will only affect members who arrive to their new assignment after Dec. 31, since the BAH legislation includes a “rate protection” provision to protect currently assigned members from fluctuating local housing costs,” Maj. Rivera said.

In addition, there are a few instances in which the members’ BAH rates can be reduced.

For example, if members are reassigned to a location where the housing costs are less than the current duty location; if the member’s dependency status changes from “with” dependent to “without” dependent rate; or as a result of demotion.

Maj. Rivera said a significant feature of the new BAH program is regardless of where airmen are assigned, out-of-pocket expenses are equalized for every grade. No matter where in the country the airmen moves, he or she will have the same out-of-pocket dollar amount within each grade and dependency status.

In enacting DOD’s housing allowance, Congress intended to pay for approximately 85 percent of the national average housing cost for each grade, with the member paying 15 percent “out-of-pocket.”

“However, current out-of-pocket expenses are estimated around 20 percent,” Maj. Rivera said. “Our near-term objective is to obtain additional funding that will permit us to further reduce the out-of-pocket expense down to 15 percent. Our long-term objective is to secure funding and support to ultimately zero-out all out of pocket expenses.”

The new BAH program, which replaced the Variable Housing Allowance, is intended to provide uniformed service members housing compensation based on comparable civilian costs of housing. BAH is based on rental costs by pay grade, dependency status and location. It’s designed as a partial reimbursement to assist service members and their families in affording suitable off-base housing.

The BAH program was originally being implemented through a six-year transition period.

However, the fiscal 2000 National Defense Authorization Act authorized DOD to complete the transition in January 2000 instead of 2003.

Following the transition, housing allowances will vary geographically so the typical member of each pay grade will have the same out-of-pocket dollar amount at all locations. For any given individual, actual out-of-pocket expense will be greater or lower than the typical, based on their actual choice of housing.

According to Maj. Rivera, some key improvements of the housing allowance program include a cost-based system that is more efficient and responsive to the growing housing costs than the previous system. The new BAH methodology also ended the creeping

growth in members’ out-of-pocket expenses. Another change is the elimination of annual housing surveys and variable housing allowance offset.

“The VHA offset was a negative incentive since it authorized finance offices to recoup a portion of the allowance when individuals did not use their full housing allowance. In addition, we got rid of the annual requirement to provide a copy of the lease or rental agreement to the finance office.”

“A key factor of the old and new

housing allowance methodologies remains our commitment to ensure that the typical service member of a given grade and dependency status will not be penalized—or rewarded—for assignment to a high or low housing cost area.”

“We will continue to take every reasonable step to ensure housing allowances are accurate and equitable.”

For specific BAH rates, service members can visit the Per Diem web site at <http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html>.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Ed Scott

## Respect

*During retreat all traffic must stop to show proper respect for our national flag, Old Glory.*

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# Nellis volunteers to help Opportunity Village

By Tech. Sgt. Patricia Collins  
AWFC Public Affairs

The magic and enchantment of the holiday season was brought to life through a Magical Forest complete with food and rides as one of the attractions available for the Las Vegas community during the holiday season.

Opportunity Village put together a wonder playland to raise funds to offset operating costs for the village.

According to Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Perron, 99th Air Base Wing senior enlisted advisor, Nellis was a player in raising money for the not-for-profit organization. More than 130 members of Team Nellis volunteered their time during the holiday season to raise money.

"Volunteers were recruited by our Nellis Top Three Council and spent their time manning food booths, walking around in costume and providing other services," said Chief Perron. For at least three years, Nellis has participated in fund-raising events for Opportunity Village.

"None of this could be done without the help of Team Nellis. Volunteers came from all over base," said the chief. "Team Nellis came together again strengthening our partnership with our civilian community. Our next project is Christmas in April which kicked off Thursday. We're looking for volunteers for this. Anyone who is

interested should contact their first sergeant."

Volunteers encompassed all agencies and ranks.

Senior Airman Melanie Jalbert, 57th Component Repair Squadron, thought this would be a good cause since Opportunity Village relies strictly on volunteers to help raise the money they need. She worked in a food booth selling hot chocolate, hot dogs, popcorn, cookies and candy. She said, "I would really recommend people volunteer here. It's nice to volunteer for people who need the help."

Opportunity Village is a community-based agency that serves people with mental retardation to improve the quality of their lives and of their families.

It dates back to 1954 when a group of Las Vegas families got together to support the needs of children with mental retardation.

Over time Opportunity Village expanded into specialized services for adults with mental retardation. Since its inception, the organization has grown to become Nevada's largest provider of vocational training and employment for people with disabilities.

More than 450 people with severe disabilities are helped there, and there is a waiting list.

For more information on Opportunity Village, call 259-3700.



**More than 130 Team Nellis members volunteered their time during the holiday season assisting Opportunity Village's Magical Forest. The Magical Forest opens every year as a fund raiser for Opportunity Village.**



Courtesy photos



**Opportunity Village has become Nevada's largest provider of vocational training and employment for people with disabilities, training more than 450 people with severe disabilities.**





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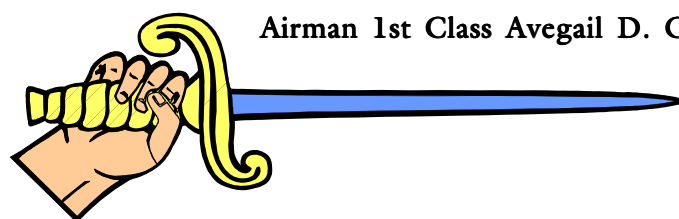




Photo by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

# Warrior of the Week

Airman 1st Class Avegail D. Cariaga



**Duty title:** Dental assistant apprentice

**Hometown:** Ilocos Norte, Philippines

**Time in the Air Force:** 1 year 8 months

**Hobbies:** Playing basketball, drawing and listening to music.

**Goals:** To learn more about the different aspects of my job and to complete higher education.

**If I could improve one thing on Nellis:** I would like to see changes made to the old dorms to make it a better place to live in for single airman.

**Most significant Air Force memory:** Getting through basic training and working together with people I hardly knew.

**What I like most about my job:** Working and learning the different aspects of dentistry and dental hygiene.

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## Action Line

commander.action@nellis.af.mil

652-4636



Col. Andrew Dichter  
99th Air Base Wing

Nellis' Action Line is your direct line to the 99th Air Base Wing commander, Col. Andrew Dichter. If you have worked through normal channels and are not satisfied with the answer, the Action Line is your opportunity to ask questions or make suggestions about the subjects of concern to the Nellis community.

Please leave your name and phone number in case more specific information is required. You may also use our e-mail address: commander.action@nellis.af.mil. Action Lines of general interest will be published in the Bullseye; others will be answered by phone. Remember, the quickest and most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the office that is responsible. This gives them a chance to help you and perhaps improve the process.

### Helpful phone numbers

BX Customer Service - 644-2044  
Commissary - 643-7919  
Child Development Center I - 652-4241  
Child Development Center II - 652-5885  
Finance (mil-pay) - 652-4844  
Fitness Center - 652-6433  
Hospital Appointment Desk - 653-2778  
Hospital Information Desk - 653-2222  
Legal Office - 652-4213  
Mountain View Dining Facility - 652-4764  
Public Affairs - 652-2750  
Safety - 652-7604  
Security Forces - 652-2311

# Road rage in the military, CDC questions



Several weeks ago I was in the north-bound lane on Lamb Boulevard at the Charleston stoplight. At the light there was an older Chevy pickup behind me, and as I continued at the light the truck continued to tailgate me. He was about two or three feet from the back of my car, and he started honking his horn at me. As the driver went past he began yelling obscenities and making obscene gestures at me. When he passed me, I picked up his license number, and I noticed a military sticker on his driver side lower window. My hope is that maybe you can do something to rectify this kind of behavior out of military forces.



The behavior you mention is uncalled for and is particularly disappointing as it apparently involves someone who likely has ties to Nellis. Given only a partial license plate number our efforts to locate the driver

in order to allow his commander or first sergeant to investigate have been fruitless. I am disappointed. This incident casts Nellis and the military in a poor light. It's unfortunate that the act of just one person can diminish the positive reputation of so many.



I have concerns about the current hours at the Child Development Center here. My husband and I are both military, and we are both shift workers. The Child Development Centers hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. I work rotating shifts seven days a week and my husband's hours are similar. What options do shift-workers have for childcare? We are currently paying \$83 a week and still aren't getting childcare when we really need it. I know other shift-workers who have the same concerns. We aren't all fortunate enough to work Mondays through Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Thank you for your call and I understand your concern. Quality, affordable and available childcare is important to our

many parents, and it's also important to the Air Force. Our Nellis Child Development Centers go a long way towards meeting those needs. But, they certainly don't meet everyone's needs as you can attest. To help meet requirements such as yours, we sponsor family childcare homes. These homes provide child care when the CDC is not available or when duty hours are not compatible with the CDC. Family childcare homes are required to comply with the same standards as our CDC, so they provide an elevated caliber of childcare as well. If you decide you would like to pursue childcare in an FCC home, their number is 652-4400.

As a side note, just a couple of years ago the Air Force conducted a year-long trial of 24-hour child care at several CDC around the Air Force. The results were poor and patronage was too low making CDC service too costly. These results only place greater emphasis on our family care homes to help meet requirements such as yours.

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## Announcements

### Trespass notice

The Nellis Small Arms ranges are located on Range Road approximately six miles north of Las Vegas Boulevard. The USAF Desert Warfare Training Center ranges are located adjacent to State Highway 95 at the Lee Canyon turnoff. These ranges extend approximately 2 and-a-half miles to the northeast and are five miles wide. These properties are set aside for small arms firing, bombing and aerial gunnery training and present a serious danger to trespassers. Unexploded ordnance could be located throughout these areas and would pose a hazard if touched or handled by untrained personnel. Trespassing on any of these ranges is not only illegal but also very dangerous due to gun fire. Individuals can receive further information on range boundaries or report instances of trespassing by calling 652-4889 for the USAF Desert Warfare Training Center ranges and 652-4475 for the Nellis Small Arms ranges.

### Road maintenance

Various streets will be seal-coated in Nellis Terrace and Manch Manor beginning Monday. The streets receiving maintenance in Nellis Terrace will be in the new housing sections. For Manch Manor, this project will include Strunk Parkway,

Riggs Parkway, West Drive, Rutte Street and Colinson Avenue. Notification letters will be distributed to occupants who live along the streets to notify them of closure dates.

### Annual awards banquet

The Annual Installation Awards Banquet will be held Feb. 18 at the Enlisted Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. Main course will be a choice of rib-eye steak or marinated chicken breast. Guest speaker will be Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor. Dress will be formal -- officer: mess dress; enlisted: mess dress/semi-formal; civilian: black tie. See unit first sergeant for tickets. Prices will be \$15 for staff sergeant and above, senior airman and below, \$12 (subject to non-club member surcharge).

### Reserve briefings

There will be a Palace Chase Air Force Reserve briefing at 2 p.m. Jan. 26 in Bldg. 20, Room 202. Anyone with a separation date a year from now interested in separating early should attend this briefing first. For more information, call 652-9073.

A Palace Front Air Force Reserve briefing will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 20 in Bldg. 20 Room 319. Eligible officers and enlisted individuals with a date of separation in June or earlier should have received notification of this mandatory briefing. For more information or for a make-up date, call 652-4806.

## Classes/Meetings

### SPA meeting

The Silver State Chapter of the Air Force Security Police Association will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Bldg. 1100. For more information call 639-6046.

### AACA meeting

The Nellis African-American Cultural Association extends an invitation to anyone interested in learning more about African-American Culture. The AACA meets at noon every Thursday at the Enlisted Club. AACA will start off the millenium by having a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon today. For more information contact Master Sgt. John Gilbert through e-mail at john.gilbert@nellis.af.mil.

### Parenting classes

The Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital has various classes for expectant parents.

Six two-hour "Prepared Childbirth" classes are given monthly for first-time parents. There are day and evening classes, but space is limited. Call Maj. Elizabeth Cowles at 653-3508 to register.

### ASMC meeting

The Associated Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 27 at the

Officers' Club. For more information, call Lt. Col. Gary Phillips at 652-2593.

## Boxing tickets

The Air Force boxing team will face the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at 5 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Sporting House on Industrial Road. Tickets are \$10. For more information call 733-8999.

## Pharmacy changes

Due to the expansion of the pharmacy windows in the main hospital, all new prescriptions written by civilian physicians must be filled at the Satellite Pharmacy in Bldg. 625 (across from the commissary).

Prescriptions written by physicians at the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital will be processed at the main pharmacy. To help reduce waiting times, please call in all refill prescriptions using the automated system at 652-5359.

Hours of operation for both sites will be 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday hours for the Satellite Pharmacy are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

These changes will only be in effect during the construction project, estimated to last through January.

Pharmacy personnel will be working extended hours to provide the best service possible during the project.

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Molly Gilliam

*Left to right -- Airman 1st Class Arlene Johnson, Staff Sgt. Faith Allenegui, Airman 1st Class Leticia Roberts, Staff Sgt. Amy Merrihew and Staff Sgt. Angel Amaral, all members of the 57th Logistics Group Computer and Network Services, hold a staff training class.*

## Computer office keeps customers on line

By Staff Sgt. Ed Scott  
AWFC Public Affairs

Maintaining the last 400 feet of the Nellis LAN system from the 99th Communications Squadron is the task of seven members of the 57th Logistics Group Computer and Network Services.

"We're responsible for seven buildings spread out across the base and four different sub nets," said Staff Sgt. Amy Merrihew. "Maintaining this system translates into maintaining the LAN and accounts along with interfacing with the Nellis LAN backbone."

During preparations for Y2K, the systems management office upgraded 35 computers in-house saving the Air Force more than \$35,000.

With customers spread out across the installation, Master Sgt. Ernest Chambers, NCO in-charge of

systems management, said one of their priorities is "trying to get to everyone in a timely manner."

"A large portion of our time is spent training individuals -- technology changes and everyone wants the latest item on the market creating an inherent problem found across the military -- marrying technology and training people to use the different software."

To expedite their response times and customer satisfaction, Sgt. Merrihew said the office has initiated a program allowing customers to e-mail their problems to a newly organized technical support center.

Other steps include continuous training for the staff through trade publications and in-house designed training programs -- especially since the staff is former information managers and have not received formal training in this career field.

"It's been a huge transition and we really haven't

had corporate knowledge to fall back on," Sgt. Merrihew said, referring to the office's four year existence.

"Toss into the mix that technology is outdated and obsolete in 18 months and the Air Force usually buys items on a five year plan and you have a receipt for trouble," said Sgt. Chambers. "To combat this, we're working on proactive strategic plans and we're designing training programs for our customers to bring them up to speed on the systems they're using."

With their "rebooting" plan initiated, the systems management office plans on their customers seeing nothing but "access accepted."

All 57th Logistics Group customers can e-mail systems management at 57LSS/LGLMC (small computers). Their address can be found on the global listings.

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# TRICARE case manager can ease strain

PHOENIX — If you're a TRICARE beneficiary with a catastrophic illness, your case manager can be one of your greatest assets. Dave McIntyre, president and chief executive officer of TriWest Healthcare Alliance, says the company makes an ongoing effort to educate beneficiaries in the TRICARE Central Region about the value of case managers as information sources and allies in helping obtain needed health care services in a complex system.

Although he had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, a beneficiary recently felt strongly enough to write to TriWest, describing how the efforts of his case manager had changed his "fairly neutral" attitude about TRICARE and TriWest.

The beneficiary wrote that the real turning point in his care, and his attitude toward TRICARE and TriWest, came when the psychiatrist/neurologist at his military treatment facility requested that he be assigned a case manager. "I had no idea what he was asking for," he continued, "but just a few hours later, I received a phone call from someone with a presence and manner that made me feel immediately as if I had a new player on my team!"

By the time their first telephone call was over, the beneficiary had his new case manager's name, address, telephone and fax numbers (including a toll-free number because he and his wife were leaving town). A few hours later he also had a wheelchair for his trip. When they returned home, the case manager had obtained the durable medical equipment the beneficiary had previously requested. The case manager even accompanied the beneficiary and his wife to a university health center where they met with physicians and other health professionals.

His primary care manager's ward clerk was enthusiastic about his having a case manager and explained how this would greatly speed and simplify

her job of obtaining the necessary referrals.

The beneficiary wrote to TriWest, "Since the assignment of a case manager, I honestly feel that a caring, knowledgeable human being is in the loop, doing her 'darnedest' to see that I got everything necessary to see me through this horrible time or—and this is important—understand the reason why. She has also proved to be a very talented nagger/cheerleader (as needed), teaming up with the docs and my wife to force/encourage me to 'do the right thing.'"

"In short," he said, "catastrophic illness is a real son-of-a-gun. There is more than enough anxiety, depression and guilt for the patient and family, even if it could be shared. A case manager...can provide valuable objective guidance and think of additional resources which might be brought to bear on the problem." He concludes, "Thanks for having a talented, experienced case manager looking out for us!"

The TriWest case manager on the receiving end of all that praise was Gail Bierman who works at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. "She," says McIntyre, "is just one example of the knowledgeable, efficient and caring individuals of whose services we want our beneficiaries to avail themselves."

TriWest Healthcare Alliance is a Phoenix-based management service organization that is contracted with the Department of Defense for the managed care support and administration of the TRICARE program for the 750,000 beneficiaries in the TRICARE Central Region.

For more information call 653-2500.

*Editors note: This information was provided by TriWest Health care alliance*

## Thanks

*I would like to applaud your very own Air Force Aid program manager, Mr. James Dillman and the staff of the Family Support Center. I am currently on 30 days consecutive overseas tour leave in the local area and I needed emergency financial assistance.*

*I own a home here and since leaving Europe, I have not received my authorized (basic allowance for housing because I haven't inprocessed to my gaining unit in the Pacific.*

*With a mortgage payment looming and my leave ending Jan. 2, my family's financial well being was in jeopardy. After filling out the required paperwork, Mr. Dillman printed out a check on the spot for the amount of the mortgage payment.*

*His quick response was a welcome relief for me and my family. We were expecting more of a complicated process.*

*In short, he saved the day and we appreciate it. Just thought you'd like to know.*

*A thankful*

*military member*

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# Dental clinic offers military members tooth implants

By Col. George M. Horsley  
99th MG Dental Clinic

At the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital Dental Clinic, there are four providers with a combined experience of more than 41 years of restoring teeth with dental implants.

From a single missing tooth to entire edentulous arches, when they are appropriate, the dental staff will be happy to evaluate any active duty member for this type of tooth replacement.

According to the American Dental Association, more than 20 million people in the United States are missing all of their natural teeth, and more than 100 million are missing from 11 to 15 teeth.

What was once experimental - replacing missing teeth with dental implants - is now commonplace.

In 1997, dentists performed more than 500,000 dental implant procedures worldwide.

Dental implantology became a successful practice more than 30 years ago, when Swedish bone physiologist Per-Igvar Branemark discovered that bone would grow tight, or osseointegrate, with

titanium. His studies in Sweden proved that, when placed without damaging the bone, implants on patients with no teeth could be successful more than 98 percent of the time.

Since those early days, implants have been placed in all areas where teeth are missing, with varying degrees of success.

Most difficult is making the implant supported artificial teeth look like they are growing naturally out of the gums.

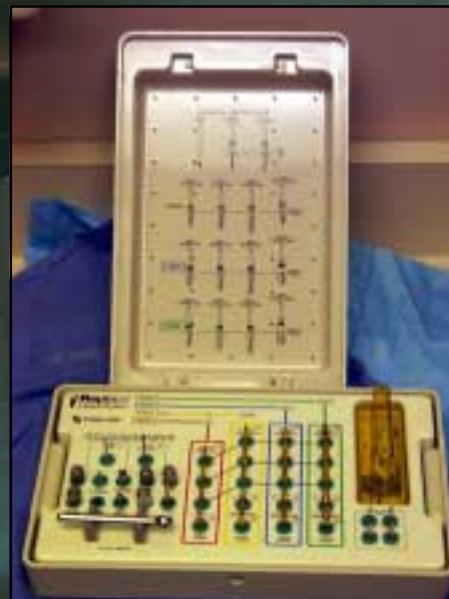
Technology, tools, and restorations have evolved to the point that, if a patient has sufficient bone to hold the implant, nearly any tooth can be replaced.

Dental implants improve your smile, and help individuals speak with greater ease, all without requiring modification of healthy surrounding teeth.

The process does involve a greater span of treatment time than conventional replacements.

Treatment times generally range from 6 to 15 months. If successful, implants grow tight to the bone and gums.

For more information about dental implants call the 99th Medical Group Dental Clinic at 653-2600.



*The drills are color coded for doctor's ease.*



Photos by Staff Sgt. Jim Bianchi

*Implants and jaw model used to show patients.*



*A 10-year-old implant and crown.*



*Implants and jaw model on display.*

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*See Centerspread*

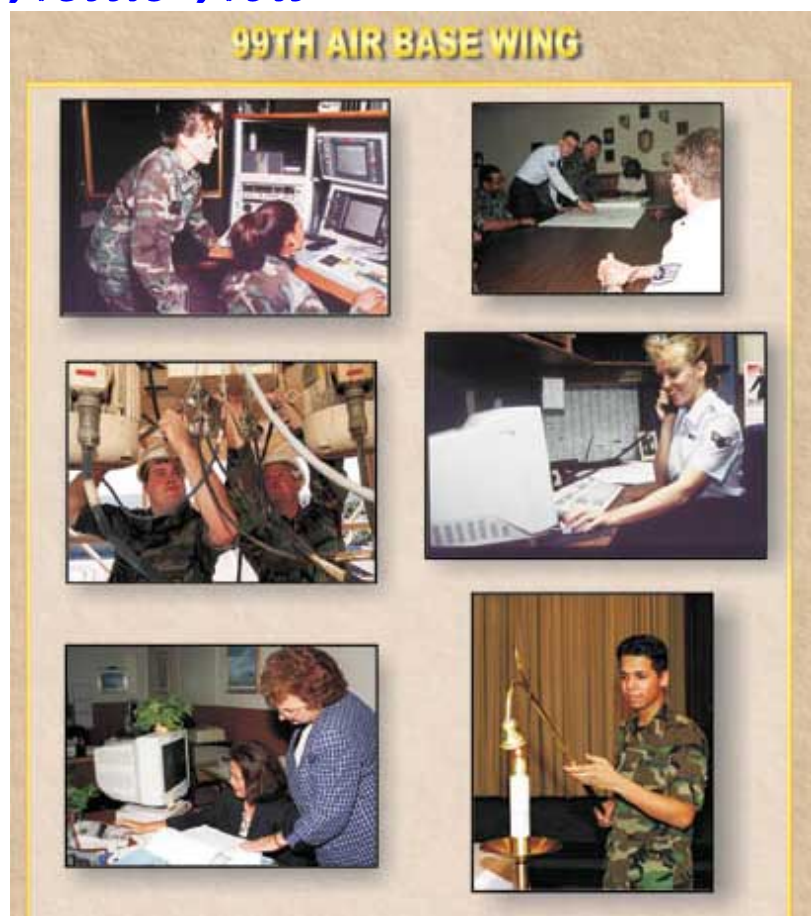




*See Centerspread*



## Nellis Now



Graphic design provided by 99th Communications Squadron

*99th Air Base Wing commands the installation and provides a wide variety of services including transportation, communications, medical, supply, contracting and security forces.*



Photo by Staff Sgt. Molly Gilliam

## Launch

*More than 20 F-16s and F-15Cs launched here Feb. 7 simultaneously as a part of dissimilar aircraft training. Nellis' Aggressors and the 101st Fighter Squadron from Otis Air National Guard Base, Mass., participated in dog fights over the Nellis range. The F-15s are here preparing for an up coming deployment to the Middle East. They return to Otis Jan. 21.*

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Unless otherwise indicated, all show times are at 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 1 p.m. Call 652-5020 for more information.

☆ Closed Tuesday and Wednesday ☆

Thursday, Jan. 21

### The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc (R)

Jan Milla Jovovich, John Malkovich

It all began in 1429, when a teenage girl from a remote village in France stood before the world and announced she would defeat the world's greatest army and liberate her country. As this small voice in the heart of a simple girl grew stronger, rulers were drawn to listen, armies were empowered to fight and her countrymen were inspired to believe. Mystic, maiden, martyr - whatever you choose to call her, it is difficult to dispute that Joan of Arc led a remarkably accomplished life for a peasant girl who never went to school and never saw her 20th birthday.

*Strong graphic battles, a rape and some language.*

Today

### Anywhere But Here (PG-13)

Susan Sarandon, Natalie Portman

It is mid-summer 1995 as a 1978 Mercedes zooms down the highway, heading west. Inside sit 14-year-old Ann August and her mother Adele. Against her will, Ann is being moved to Beverly Hills where Adele, stifled by small-town life in Wisconsin, hopes to make her colorful dreams come true. Ann is furious at having to leave the life she loves. Adele feels that she's taking Ann away from a lifeless future and offering her an exciting new world.

*Sex-related material.*

Sat. & Sun.

### End of Days (R)

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gabriel Byrne

As the final days of the millennium wind down, the devil arrives in New York City, seeking out a human wife with whom to sire the Anti - Christ. His target is a day care worker who soon seeks protection with an ex-cop named Jericho Cane. From there, you can bet it will be big-time action.

*Intense violence and gore, a strong sex scene and language.*

Monday

### Music of the Heart (PG)

Meryl Streep, Aidan Quinn

Roberta Guaspari's world crashed down around her when her husband walked out on her and her two young children. Roberta left the security of her small hometown and moved to one of America's toughest neighborhoods, East Harlem. She wanted to finally have the opportunity to teach the violin. Despite her successes, after 10 years of teaching, the school board decided to cancel her funding. With the support of her friends and the community, she set out to do what no one else dared. Roberta fought back.

*Brief mild language and sensuality.*

Jan. 22, 23, 24

### The World Is Not Enough (PG-13)

Jan Pierce Brosnan, Sophie Marceau

Debonair British Spy Agent 007 is back. After the death of a British oil tycoon and a friend at M16 headquarters, James Bond is assigned the task of bodyguard to the tycoon's beautiful daughter, Elektra. He must race to defuse an international power struggle with the world's oil supply hanging in the balance. The villain Renard who has a bullet lodged in his brain rendering him unable to feel pain sets up a plan with Electra to stop Bond.

*Intense sequences of action violence, some sexuality & innuendo.*

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### The Omega Code (PG-13)

Jan Casper Van Dien, Michael York

European Union Chairman Stone Alexander, a media mogul turned politician, uncovers, steals and implements a code which foretells events. With this information he can create a New World order and control the world. Dr. Gillen Lane, a world-renowned motivational speaker and mythology expert innocently enters Stone's world in a quest for peace. When he uncovers Stone's plans, Lane becomes Stone's adversary, a hunted fugitive as he tries to expose the truth and save the world.

*Several scenes of shootings.*

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# Hikers meet extreme high, low challenge

By Staff Sgt. Ed Scott  
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Wanting to take their love for hiking and the outdoors to the extreme, a group of five Nellis hikers recently hiked to highs and lows offered by Mother Nature in the continental United States.

"We decided to hike the highest point in the United States (Mt. Whitney) and the lowest point (Badwater in Death Valley) in one weekend," said Mr. Tony Taylor, from the Family Support Center and a volunteer tour guide for Outdoor Recreation.

Mr. Taylor said this isn't a weekend trip for the novice -- but one for hikers to work their way up to.

"People should start off taking day hikes to Mt. Charleston -- start on a small scale," he said. "Don't go out and waste money on fancy equipment until you know what you're getting yourself into."

The first day the group hiked Badwater in Death Valley, which is minus 282 feet below sea level, the lowest elevation in the United States.

"This gave us a great reference point for our hike the next day, Mt. Whitney," Mr. Taylor said.

Mt. Whitney would



challenge the hikers with 96 switchbacks and more than seven miles of trails to the crest.

"Approximately three miles into the Mt. Whitney hike, we had one hiker who had the signs of altitude sickness," Mr. Taylor said. Because of this, he stayed at their base camp.

"It was a real physical challenge -- something I prefer," said Ms. Rebecca Myers, a registered nurse and Red Cross volunteer at Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital.

"It's a real benefit to work hard to achieve something.

"Hiking is really different from daily walking," she said. "Hiking Mt. Whitney was a personal goal of mine and it was great to achieve it. Being at the highest point in the United States was a blessed experience -- it gave the feeling of touching the face of God.

"For us to reach our goal we had to help each other," Ms. Myers said. "We were facing



Photos by Mr. Tony Taylor

***At the left, Lone Pine Lake, Mt. Whitney, Calif., the highest peak in the continental United States. At the top, Mr. Greg Rees, Ms. Rebecca Meyer, Mr. Tony Taylor, Mr. Kevin Sagot and Mr. Karim Al Khasaji at the lowest point in the continental United States, Badwater at the bottom of Death Valley, Calif.***

Mother Nature so we had to prepare for the worse since she was not going to be merciful to us on the trail.

"The camaraderie we developed was incredible -- it really gives you a sense of what Americans are really like and what our country is all about," she said.

"Las Vegas offers everyone glitz and glitter and spectacular views from the tops of their buildings, but in contrast, hiking Mt. Charleston or Mt.

Whitney offers incredible views that are really awesome and so inexpensive to see," she said. "We had two incredible hikes in one three-day weekend and I think I might have spent \$60."

Along with the views, camaraderie and challenge, Mr. Taylor said hiking is a "real stress buster. It's exciting to accept a challenge, train for it and then succeed."

To learn about area trips and tours, call Outdoor Recreation at 652-2514.

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### American Red Cross 652-2106

#### Orientation

Orientation for Red Cross volunteers is held at the Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital at 10 a.m. every Friday.

### Automotive Skills 652-2284

#### Change in hours

Operation hours are now 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

### Bowling Center 652-2160

#### League giveaway

The Bowling Center is giving away great prizes to league bowlers Valentine's Day. Entry fee is \$1 each, and 25 pins scratch over average on any game earns a free drawing entry. Prizes include a bowling ball, \$30 pro shop gift certificate, 10 games of free Thunder Alley bowling, \$10 snack bar gift certificate and free games. Enter each night of league bowling.

#### Youth bowling tournament

Youth 5 to 18 are invited to participate in this tournament Jan. 22. This tournament is Air Force wide and all trophies and awards will be sent from Air Force Headquarters. Fee for youth 5 to 8 is \$2 a person, and youth 9 to 18 is \$3 a person. Cost includes shoes. Call Mr. Reese Davis at 652-9307 for more information.

### Chapel 652-2950

#### Catholic worship schedule

**Mass:** Monday through Friday: 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday:** Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

**Sunday:** Mass, 9:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

#### Protestant worship schedule

**Sunday:** Gospel service: 8 a.m.

Traditional service: 11:15 a.m.

#### Classes and activities

**Catholic:** Classes for age 3 through 12th grade from 8:20 to 9:30 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. and a Sacramental Class is also offered from 11 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sundays.

**Adult RCIA:** Adults who want to learn more about the Roman Catholic faith, come to RCIA at 1:45 p.m. Sundays at the annex.

**Protestant:** Religious education classes (18 months-adult) from 9:35 to 10:50 a.m.

**Protestant Youth of the Chapel** (grades 7 through 12) meet Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.

A **Marriage Enrichment Class** will be held from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m. Jan. 23 and will run through March 26 at the Family Support Center classrooms. Please sign up in the Protestant book at the back of the chapel. This class is for married couples.

The **National Prayer Breakfast** will be held at 7 a.m. Feb. 9 at the Enlisted Club. The speaker will be retired Maj. Gen. Jerry E. White, general director and international president of The Navigators. The menu will be a breakfast buffet. Cost: E1-E-5 - \$5.00, E6-up - \$6.50. Tickets are available from first sergeants and the base chapel.

**Widows in the Neighborhood** - A quilting party, sponsored by WIN, will be held

from 10 a.m. to noon in the Chapel Annex Saturday. A local nursing home will receive the finished quilts. Material donations for the quilts are welcome. There is no quilting experience necessary to participate.

**Singles** meet from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the Chapel Annex. The study topic is a video series on the Song of Solomon that deals with dating and relationships. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Charlie Stutts at 652-2950 or Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Barron at 614-0806.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel** will hold its Valentine Dinner Feb. 12 at the Mt. Charleston Hotel. Tickets are on sale through Jan. 30 at \$15 per person. Adults only please. The PWOC meets weekly from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays and are currently studying the book, Desiring God's Own Heart.

**Men of the Chapel** meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every first and third Tuesday in the Chapel basement.

### Education Center 652-5180

**REMINDER:** The Education Center will have very limited services due to building renovations and will be open for PCS, separation and OTS appointees only. For more information call 652-5280 or 652-9404.

#### Counseling services

CCSN's Nellis office is offering counseling services for active duty and family members. Call 652-5527 to schedule an appointment.

#### College courses

Catalogs are available for UNLV and CCSN spring term classes. On-base schedules are also available.

On-base UNLV registration will be held through today for term dates Tuesday through March 11. On-base CCSN registration will be held through today for term dates Monday through April 7.

Embry-Riddle has begun registration for the spring term. Available courses include flight physiology and avia/aero simulation systems. See staff members in Bldg. 20, Mission Support Building, Rm. 315, or call 652-0409.

University of Oklahoma enrollment applications are now being accepted for the master of public administration program. The enrollment deadline for the human resource administration class is Jan. 22. For more information call Ms. Laurie Boetcher at 652-9453 or e-mail ounellis@aol.com.

The University of Phoenix also offers graduate studies courses. For more information call Mr. Al Johnson at 652-5527.

### Enlisted Club 652-9733

#### Pool tournament

Are you tough enough to swim with the sharks, or are you bait? Sign up by Jan. 28 at the Enlisted Club and shoot your way to the Air Combat Command finals at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, S.C. All participants must be club members. Prizes include \$100 club card credit, \$250 to \$1000 in travel vouchers per person per team. Tournament starts Feb. 1. Call for more details.

### Family Support Center 652-3327

#### Volunteer opportunities

Work with others and serve the Nellis community at the Thrift Shop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month. Free child care will be

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# Sports shorts

## 10k Post Holiday Fun Run

The Sports and Fitness Center will be hosting a 10k Post Holiday Fun Run at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 21

There is no entry fee. Pre-register at the Sports and Fitness Center front counter by Tuesday or register on the day of the run at 7 a.m. A trophy will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each age category. Age categories are: 18 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49 and 50 plus. The run is open to all active duty, DOD civilian and their family members 18 and older. For more information contact Mr. Larry Bridges at 653-4891/6436.

## Air Force marathon

Wright Patterson Air Force Base,

Ohio, will host the United States Air Force Marathon Sept. 16. Registration entry fee deadline is Aug. 31. Events are the Individual and Wheelchair, Marathon Team (five member maximum) and Relay Competition (four members). For more information call 652-4891.

## January aerobic schedule

NOTE: All classes are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

### Mondays

7 a.m. - Circuit Blast  
Noon - Multi Step 4 SQ  
5 p.m. - Cardio Step  
6:30 p.m. - Cardio Box

### Tuesdays

9:30 a.m. - Circuit Training  
Noon - Cardio Box  
5 p.m. - Multi Step  
6 p.m. - Above the Belt  
6:30 p.m. - Intermediate Step



### Wednesdays

7 a.m. - Bootcamp  
Noon - Multi Step 4 SQ  
5 p.m. - Multi Step  
6:30 p.m. - Cardio Box

### Thursdays

9:30 a.m. - Circuit Step  
Noon - Cardio Box  
5 p.m. - Circuit Blast  
6 p.m. - Below the Belt/Abs  
6:30 p.m. - Intermediate Step

### Fridays

7 a.m. - Circuit Blast  
Noon - 20/20/20  
5 p.m. - Intermediate Step

## Intramural bowling scores

As of Jan. 10

American Intramural		National Intramural	
Place	Team	Place	Team
1	99th TRANS #1	1	CRA #1
2	99th MSS	2	COMM
3	99th SVS #1	3	DET 8
4	99th SUP #1	4	15th RECON
5	99 SVS #2	5	CES #4
6	USAFADS #1	6	AGS #2
7	99th CES #2	7	RED HORSE
8	USAFADS #3	8	372nd TRS
9	99th SVS #3	9	MDG #1
10	57th OSS	10	CES #3

## Intramural basketball scores

Jan. 3 through 7

Jan. 3		Jan. 5	
66th RQS - 43/SFS #2 - 38		99th CPTS -19/57th VIPER-83	
AGS/FALCON -25/MDG -50		99th CES# -59/ 57th OSS 21	
11RS#1 -49/57EMS -50		15th RS - 52/99th SFS - 54	
		99th SVS - 73/ 57th CRS - 37	
Jan. 4		Jan. 6	
820th RHS#2 -33/ 57th LSS -59		547th IS -45/820th RHS#1-83	
11th RS#1- 53/ 99th CES#2-64		57th EMS-60/820RHS#2 -35	
57th EMS -38/ 99th COMM-67		99th Supply-67/USAFADS-25	
57th VIPER-65/ 57th CRS -52		11th RS -2 0/57AGS/Eagle -2	

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## Living

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provided at the Children's Development Center or with a family home care provider. Opportunities are also available at the Family Support Center, Family Services and Defense Automated Printing Service.

### Predeployment briefing

The briefing will be held 9 a.m. Jan. 3 and 2 p.m. Jan. 5 and is designed to help Nellis community members prepare for a TDY, deployment or remote assignment. Spouses are welcome.

### Ready, Set, Grow

A program for parents of children between 3 and 36 months. Come to this program from 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays and bring your little one to interact with other children.

### Intro to Career Focus

Job hunting tips are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday. Gain general employment data about the local area and get registered in the computerized job bank.

### In and Out Budget

Set up your own budget. Bring income statements, a record of all your monthly payments and a hand calculator to this first step for individual financial counseling from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday.

### Volunteer Excellence Award

On behalf of the Volunteer Advisory Committee (VAC), the Family Support Center is currently accepting nominations for the Volunteer Excellence Award through March 17. Federal civilians, family members, and retirees (federal and military) are eligible for this CSAF award. The FSC has nomination forms or additional information.

### Magnet school program

Nellis parents and students interested in elementary, middle school or high school

magnet programs are invited to attend an informational meeting at the Family Support Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 2. Dr. Glenn Cooper, Director of the Magnet School Project, Clark County School District, will discuss the various programs and answer questions. Registration is required.

### Healthcare forum

Here is an opportunity to find out when your active duty Tricare ends and how you, if eligible, may continue that care into retirement. Anyone separating through no fault of their own can learn how to get health care benefits for an additional 60 to 120 days. Mrs. Louise Craig, Nellis Health Benefits Advisor, will address questions at a special forum at the Family Support Center from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 25. Space is limited.

### Coupon exchange

Family Services has a coupon exchange program. Stop by from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and exchange coupons. Call 652-6070 for more information.

**Health & Wellness Center**  
**653-3376**

### Web page and e-mail address

The HAWC web site is 99mdg.nellis.af.mil/hawc1.htm, and the e-mail address is AMDS.HAWC@nellis.af.mil

### Millennium massage

The HAWC is offering a millennium special for January. Table massages will be offered at the reduced prices of \$20 for 30 minutes; \$40 for 60 minutes and \$55 for 90 minutes. Gift certificates are available. Appointments are available from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and from 9:30 a.m. to

3 p.m. Fridays.

### Your total well-being

This comprehensive program includes a cholesterol and blood pressure screening, fitness assessment, body fat analysis and health risk appraisal. Based on fitness results and personal goals, an exercise program is prescribed to meet your wellness needs.

### Back education class

Starting Wednesday, the HAWC, in conjunction with the Physical Therapy Clinic, will offer a back education class consisting of back education, back stabilization techniques and strengthening exercises. This class will be held the third Wednesday of every month. Signing up for this class is mandatory, since class size is limited. Participants must wear exercise clothing and bring their own towel.

### Weight-management class

Beginning Tuesday, a new "Lighten Up" class will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the HAWC classroom. The 16-week program provides information on lifestyle changes, exercise, stress management and nutrition. For more information call the HAWC.

**Outdoor Recreation**  
**652-8967**

### Boating safety course

Outdoor Recreation is hosting a Coast Guard Boating Safety seven-week course Jan. 25. Those who take the course are eligible to save up to 15 percent on boat insurance. Cost is \$30 and includes books.

**Skills Development Center**  
**652-2794**

### Woodworking/framing classes

Each class runs for six consecutive weeks and is \$35 a person. Both classes start Feb. 9, but

### 99th Services Squadron Martin Luther King Jr. holiday hours

The Bowling Center, Child Development Centers I and II, Community Center, Enlisted Club, Equipment Rental, Family Child Care Office, Gun Club, Human Resources Office, Information Ticket and Tours, Library, Officers' Club, Outdoor Recreation, Time Out Sports Lounge, Veterinary Office and Youth Programs will be closed Monday.

The Skills Development Center will be closed Saturday.

The following services will be open:  
Crosswinds Inn - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30 to 6 p.m., 10:30 p.m. to midnight.  
Red Horse Inn - 7 to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4 to 6 p.m.  
Golf Course - 7 a.m. to dusk and the Pro Shop is open 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sports and Fitness Center - 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

register soon as space is limited. Registration ends Feb. 4.

**Youth Center**  
**652-9307**

### Thunder Teen Dance

Come to the Youth Center and dance the night away Saturday. This dance is for youth 13 to 18 and the cost is \$5 a person. The party starts at 6 and ends at 10 p.m.

### Basketball registration

The season is scheduled to start Feb. 12. Girls and boys 5 to 16 who are family members of active duty, retired military or DOD civilians are eligible. The cost is \$30. Each participant must have a Youth Center activity card, current sports physical and be able to show proof of age. For more information, contact Mr. Bob Garcia at 652-9307.

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